

Patent # - 6988229  
Application # - 10073830

MAR 03 2010

PTO/SB/56 (03-09)

Approved for use through 03/31/2012. OMB 0851-0018  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

## 7. OVERPAYMENT

As to any overpayment made please

OR ☐ Credit to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Send refund check

## WARNING:

Petitioner/applicant is cautioned to avoid submitting personal information in documents filed in a patent application that may contribute to identity theft. Personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers, or credit card numbers (other than a check or credit card authorization form PTO-2038 submitted for payment purposes) is never required by the USPTO to support a petition or an application. If this type of personal information is included in documents submitted to the USPTO, petitioners/applicants should consider redacting such personal information from the documents before submitting them to the USPTO. Petitioner/applicant is advised that the record of a patent application is available to the public after publication of the application (unless a non-publication request in compliance with 37 CFR 1.213(a) is made in the application or issuance of a patent. Furthermore, the record from an abandoned application may also be available to the public if the application is referenced in a published application or an issued patent (see 37 CFR 1.14). Checks and credit card authorization forms PTO-2038 submitted for payment purposes are not retained in the application file and therefore are not publicly available.

## 8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED

  
Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

03/03/2010  
Date

Richard V. Folea, Jr.  
Typed or printed name(s)

Registration Number, if applicable

678-455-7255  
Telephone Number

8080 Milford Rd  
Address

Gainesville, GA 30506  
Address

37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

## ENCLOSURES

☒ Maintenance Fee Payment

☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)

05/24/2010 CKHLUK 00000003 6988229

01 FC:2551  
02 FC:1558490.00 UP  
1640.00 UP

Adjustment date: 05/24/2010 CKHLUK  
03/03/2010 DALLIN 00000003 6988229  
01 FC:1559 -1640.00 UP

(Page 3 of 3)

Adjustment date: 05/24/2010 CKHLUK  
03/03/2010 DALLIN 00000003 6988229  
01 FC:1559 -490.00 UP